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1 **COMPLAINT BY A PRISONER UNDER THE CIVIL RIGHTS ACT, 42 U.S.C §§ 1983**

2 Name Susan M.
 3 (Last) (First) (Initial)

4 Prisoner Number X23159

5 Institutional Address CCWF, P.O. Box 1508, Chonchilla, Ca 93610-1508

7 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

8 Susan Mae Poike
 9 (Enter the full name of plaintiff in this action.)

10 vs. CV

11 James Cavin, Deputy; Matt
 12 Chertkow, et., Contra Costa County
 13 Sheriff's Dept.

14 (Enter the full name of the defendant(s) in this action)

10 Case No. **08-1483**
 (To be provided by the Clerk of Court)

11 **COMPLAINT UNDER THE
CIVIL RIGHTS ACT,
Title 42 U.S.C § 1983**

12 **V/MC**

16 *[All questions on this complaint form must be answered in order for your action to proceed.]*

17 I. Exhaustion of Administrative Remedies. (PR)

18 **[Note:** You must exhaust your administrative remedies before your claim can go
 19 forward. The court will dismiss any unexhausted claims.]

20 A. Place of present confinement CCWF. I was at Contra County Superior Court
 21 when I was injured, in Martinez, California.

22 B. Is there a grievance procedure in this institution? There was a grievance
 23 process (see attached).

24 C. Did you present the facts in your complaint for review through the grievance
 25 procedure?

26 YES NO

27 D. If your answer is YES, list the appeal number and the date and result of the
 28 appeal at each level of review. If you did not pursue a certain level of appeal,

*explain why. There is a three leveled grievance process
 in the Sheriff's Dept. I pursued my grievance to the
 third level. (see attached).*

COMPLAINT

- 1 1. Informal appeal 8/30/03
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- 4 2. First formal level 8/30/03
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- 7 3. Second formal level _____
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- 10 4. Third formal level August 29, 2003 (no appeal number
11 was assigned per policy Sheriff's Dept. - attached is
12 third level reply. Ex aa)

13 E. Is the last level to which you appealed the highest level of appeal available to
14 you?

15 YES () NO ()

16 F. If you did not present your claim for review through the grievance procedure,
17 explain why.

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20 II. Parties.

21 A. Write your name and your present address. Do the same for additional plaintiffs,
22 if any.

23 Susan Mae Polk (x23154) CCWF (Central California
24 Women's Facility)

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26 B. Write the full name of each defendant, his or her official position, and his or her
27 place of employment.

28 James Cavin, Deputy & Matt Chertkow, Lieutenant, Contra

1 Costa County Sheriff's Dept., P.O. Box 391, Martinez,
2 California 94553-0039

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5 III. Statement of Claim.

6 State here as briefly as possible the facts of your case. Be sure to describe how each
7 defendant is involved and to include dates, when possible. Do not give any legal arguments or
8 cite any cases or statutes. If you have more than one claim, each claim should be set forth in a
9 separate numbered paragraph.

10 (see attached declaration) I was battered by a sheriff's deputy
11 on 8/29/03, and he broke my arm with a blackjack. James Cavin
12 was working court security. He was supervised by Sgt. Matt Chetkow.
13 My attorney had quit a few weeks before when I refused to plead to
14 involuntary manslaughter. She told me that I'd better not try to represent
15 myself, and that I'd better keep my mouth shut, as did her co-counsel.
16 When I came to court on 8/29/03, Cavin asked if I was submitting
17 a Farrel motion. I had it in my hand. He had asked me a week or
18 so before hand, and I'd said that I was going to represent myself.
19 Cavin said I'd better not talk to court. When I went into the court
20 room to present my motion, he took me out of the courtroom after
21 hitting my chest, and hit my elbow with a blackjack, breaking it.
22 He was supervised by Matt Chetkow, who had told me previously
23 to keep my mouth shut and not talk to reporters. I have been
IV. Relief, intimidated and retaliated against by harsh treatment.

24 Your complaint cannot go forward unless you request specific relief. State briefly exactly
25 what you want the court to do for you. Make no legal arguments; cite no cases or statutes.

26 I cannot straighten my right arm to date due to this injury. I
27 want financial compensation & legal vindication. I also want
28 to be safe if and when I go to court in Contra Costa County. I did not
discover the extent of the injury until on or about 8/29/04, when I

1 learned that I will never be able to straighten my arm out fully.
2 In the event I go to court again in Contra Costa County, I
3 should not be subjected to harsh treatment & intimidation, as
4 I have been. I tried to bring this complaint earlier, but
was prevented from doing so by custodial officials. (see attached) ^{E x b b}

5 I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

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7 Signed this 10th day of March, 2008

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9 John Newell

10 (Plaintiff's signature)

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County of Contra Costa
Office of the Sheriff

Warren E. Rupp
Sheriff

December 18, 2003

Ms. Susan Polk
West County Detention Facility
5555 Giant Highway
Richmond, Ca 94801
Building 8A

Dear Ms. Polk

This letter is to inform you that the investigation into your complaint against Deputy James Cavin in which you alleged you were hit with a metal "truncheon" on August 29, 2003 has been completed.

Sergeant Matt Chertkow of Court Services conducted the investigation. His report was reviewed by; Lieutenant Mike Fisher of Court Services, Captain Dave Pascoe of Detention Division and by Commander George Lawrence of the Custody Services Bureau. There was further review by Undersheriff Ronald Jarrell.

Your allegation of force could not be substantiated. Therefore, your allegation has been classified as **unfounded**. That means; the investigation has disclosed sufficient evidence to prove that the act complained of did not occur as alleged.

Due to the restrictions imposed by California Penal Code Section 832.7, we are unable to release any further information concerning the officer involved. The record is considered confidential and cannot be disclosed to anyone, or in any criminal or civil proceeding, except by discovery pursuant to the Evidence Code.

Sincerely,

WARREN E. RUPP, Sheriff


Mike Casten Lieutenant
Professional Standards
(925) 335-1519

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Susan Mae Polk (x23159)

CCWF

P.O. Box 1508

Chowchilla, Ca 93610-1508

3/10/08 Statement in Support of Complaint under 42 USC 1983

I am submitting this statement in support of my 3/10/08 Complaint under 42 U.S.C sec. 1983, and request that the complaint be accepted, despite the lapse of time since the injury, for the reasons explained below: this is the earliest opportunity I have had to make this complaint due to intimidation and harassment by custodial authorities, as well as obstruction of access to the courts in order to pursue a legal remedy.

I am serving a sentence of 16 years to life at CCWF (Central California Womens Facility).* I was convicted of Murder II in the death of my husband on 6/16/06. I was acquitted of Murder I in a 3 1/2 month trial, in which I was self-represented.

I was arrested on 10/14/02. I was sentenced on 2/23/07, and transported to VSPW on 2/27/07. I was in continuous custody of the Contra Costa County Sheriffs Dept. from 10/14/02 to around 9/10/04, when I was on bail until 4/19/05. Then I was returned to custody of the sheriffs Dept. until transported to prison.

During the time I was in the custody of the sheriffs Dept., I was repeatedly subjected to discriminatory treatment by custodial authorities, and my efforts to seek justice were repeatedly thwarted. My husband had trained the Contra Costa County Probation Dept., and had

* Two appeal of my conviction has not been filed yet.

a conflict of interest, and struck my CCP 170.6 peremptory challenge, citing no valid legal reason.

2. At around that time, I was again told to be quiet about what Dep. Cavin & Lt. Chetkow had done. Chetkow had been supervising Cavin when he broke my arm to silence me. Chetkow then covered up for Cavin.

3. I was repeatedly harassed and threatened by a group of officers; the intimidation escalated after my case was assigned to Judge Brady's courtroom. I was, for example, the only inmate transported to court in shackles. I am 5'5" tall, 106 lbs. I had no prior criminal record, and no escape history or history of aggression while in custody or out.

4. The Law Library at WCOF (West County Detention Facility) repeatedly refused to provide any legal materials for civil research. (Ex D is a copy of a request slip which indicates the law Librarian refused to provide civil research material thus: "No Civil," Exhibits E & F are complaints to Prison authorities about obstruction of access to the courts, including Law Library).

5. The problem continued after I was transported to prison on 2/27/07. I was in 'Receiving' at VSPW until 5/3/07. I was denied access to legal materials and the law library while in 'Receiving' as well as telephones, except for two 45 minute sessions in the library, insufficient time to familiarize myself with library procedure and conduct any meaningful research. Nor could I access my legal materials while in

I couldn't get the complaint prepared and filed because the Law Librarian at WCF refused to provide civil materials.

9. Since my arrival in prison, custodial staff have repeatedly told me to stop my legal efforts. When I get battered, staff comment that my problem is my legal efforts.

10. I requested a certificate of indigency to file my complaint in December. My counselors refused to prepare the form. On March 6, 2008, I finally received the certificate. I have filed this complaint as soon as is possible. I will send it out tomorrow if the Law Librarian agrees to copy it. He has frequently refused to copy legal filings.

Signed this 10th day of March, 2008.



Susan Polk

Polk (x23159)

3/10/08

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May 7, 2006

Honorable Judge Laurel Brady
California Superior Court, Contra Costa County
A.F. Bray Building, Department 31
1020 Ward Street
Martinez, California 94553

Dear Judge Brady:

In view of the hostile behavior of the prosecuting attorney following my testimony on Thursday, culminating in his refusal to proceed with cross-examination, I am hereby withdrawing from any further participation in People v. Polk.

It is regrettable that I was unable to completely fulfill my designated role in the case during the week I had set aside for it. It was my privilege to appear in your courtroom, and none of what follows is in any way intended to reflect unfavorably upon the Court. I hold Mr. Sequeira completely responsible for last week's debacle. Perhaps he has forgotten that justice isn't always about winning.

Allow me please to review the facts as I see them: Susan Polk is on trial for murder, because Dr. Brian Peterson, a county contractor, saw fit to present a distortion of the autopsy evidence to the Coroner, to the District Attorney's office, to the Grand Jury, and ultimately to the trier of fact in a murder trial. Not only has Mrs. Polk been indicted on false pretenses, but she has also suffered from protracted false imprisonment and estrangement from her sons as a result of Dr. Peterson's false representations.

My purpose last week was to provide a thorough exposition of the physical evidence, in sufficient detail and clarity that everyone....including the jury, the Court, the prosecuting attorney, the media and ultimately the public.... would not merely find a reasonable doubt as to the charges, but would actually see that the evidence fully exonerates Mrs. Polk. Moreover I wanted everyone to see this for themselves, rather than asking them to rely upon the opinion of one expert witness versus that of another. I have no doubt that I succeeded in this. However, normal procedure would have afforded me opportunity to further solidify my testimony by responding to cross-examination questions about the evidence, and would have allowed Mr. Sequeira an opportunity to try to create doubts about the testimony, if he chose to do so. He chose not to; instead, he created a dramatic smokescreen about some discovery issues that have no bearing on the physical evidence, and certainly have nothing whatsoever to do with the fact that an innocent woman is being held on false charges.

Mr. Sequeira is in an untenable situation, so I understand why he would want to postpone dealing with the evidence. He must either take the unconscionable path of pursuing a conviction, or the politically impossible path of dropping the charges and, in effect, admitting to the taxpayers that it was all a big mistake. I don't expect him to do either; I expect him to opt for the more astute strategy of provoking a mistrial, one which can be

blamed on a defense expert and will not reflect adversely on the Court or the District Attorney's office. Thus the innocent defendant goes free, while the county saves face. This is what I believe Mr. Sequeira is leading up to. Whether this is proper or not, it is certainly clever, and potentially may serve the cause of justice.

Given the corner Mr. Sequeira has been backed me into I have no choice but to withdraw from the case. Here are my reasons:

- 1) I set aside one week for this trial, and I have other obligations that will not allow me to return to Martinez before the trial wraps up. The nature of the evidence is not responsible for the delay; neither, certainly, are Susan Polk or myself. The Court decided not to allow postponement of testimony of a local, captive witness in consideration of two out-of-state witnesses, and the prosecuting attorney elected to launch into histrionics over irrelevant discovery issues, rather than getting on with his cross-examination. I have made myself very adequately available to this trial, in good faith, but legally binding obligations elsewhere will now not allow me to make myself further available than I already have.
- 2) Mr. Sequeira has placed me in an impossible situation by goading the Court into ordering me to perform a feat I had already declared myself - under oath - unable to perform, and without giving me any further opportunity to protest. This forces me to choose to either fail to comply with a court directive, or to make compliance moot by removing myself from the case.
- 3) Knowing the difficulties of an in-demand expert witness making himself available for a trial halfway across the country, Mr. Sequeira is attempting to circumvent fairness in these proceedings by delaying cross-examination of a key witness sufficiently long enough to make further participation not feasible. The issue he has concocted to disguise this tactic is altogether phony. In the first place, the contention that I relied upon anyone's statement in arriving at my opinions is completely out of line, as none of the opinions to which I testified had anything whatsoever to do with whether or not Susan Polk's version of the events was truthful. Indeed, I was expressly forbidden to express any such opinions. My statement that her version of the events was fully consistent with the autopsy evidence was a statement of fact, not opinion. Were this not so, you would have ordered it stricken from the record. Moreover whatever discovery materials Mr. Sequeira desired were a matter for the pre-trial period, and it was highly improper for him to decline to ask for anything and then attempt to portray me as a secretive, uncooperative witness for not providing it. My concern that Mr. Sequeira would have resorted to dirty tricks to prevent me from testifying, had he known how decisively exculpatory my testimony would be, were evidently very well founded. Nor am I under any legal obligation to bring anything whatsoever to court if nothing has been subpoenaed or at least requested, particularly when everything upon which I relied in reaching my opinions, or about which I intend to testify, is already on exhibit. I have never brought anything with me to the witness stand, and this has never been questioned. Mr. Sequeira's contrivance constitutes obstruction of justice. His insistence on irrelevant, non-discoverable and previously unrequested materials, going to the extreme of demanding that the

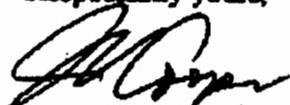
Court send me across the country to retrieve said materials, under threat that he will not proceed with cross-examination otherwise, constitutes an unwarranted delay in the proceedings and an abuse of criminal procedure. All of this is obviously designed to deprive the defendant of the benefit of a key expert witness. Mr. Sequeira's machinations are improper and underhanded, and it causes me great concern to see that they have been tolerated to such an extent by the Court.

- 4) Finally, I am outraged by Dr. Peterson's irresponsible, unprofessional and, to my way of thinking, immoral conduct. For your information, I also have detailed knowledge of cases in which Dr. Peterson or members of his group have participated in covering up gross medical or nursing care negligence, wrongful death and, in one instance, even homicide. I refrained from discussing his connection with these incidents on the stand, because I wanted to maintain the focus on the evidence in the Polk case. The evidence of deceitful presentation of evidence by Dr. Peterson in this present case is conclusive, and I am profoundly disturbed about it. I consider this man to be nothing less than a public menace. Combining this highly charged issue with having a defendant without proper counsel, I find myself feeling and acting more like an advocate than an impassive witness. Mr. Sequeira's exceptionally belligerent manner really brought this out. Since I believe that any hint of advocacy or emotionality on my part could adversely impact upon Mrs. Polk's defense, I believe I ought to withdraw, even if it were only on these grounds alone.

In summary, I have compelling reasons for resigning from this process. I signed on to help all parties concerned arrive at a just conclusion to these proceedings, and I believe I have done my best in this regard. However now that Mr. Sequeira has contrived to make my record-keeping the central issue instead of continuing to prosecute the case based on the facts in evidence, my continued participation can only be an impediment to the cause of justice...and this is morally unacceptable to me. Moreover his stalling tactics have caused me to run out of time to participate in this trial.

I will not be answering my phone this week, since I intend to make myself inaccessible to the media until this matter is resolved, and also I must travel, but any message left on my answering machine by your office will receive the most prompt attention possible. If you still want the file, then of course I will send it, but I cannot imagine it will be of much use if I am not available to testify as to its contents.

Respectfully yours,



John T. Cooper, M.D.

**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF CONTRA COSTA
MARTINEZ**

RE: PEOPLE v. Susan Polk

DOCKET NUMBER: 05-031668-7

**DECLARATION OF
CUSTODIAN OF
RECORDS**

I, Carree Coley declare as follows:

- 1) I am a duly authorized Custodian of Records of Contra Costa Regional Medical Center & Contra Costa Health Centers in Martinez and have authority to certify records.

- 2) The business is located at: 2500 Alhambra Ave. Martinez, California 94553

- 3) The copies enclosed are true copies of records requested by the Subpoena Duces Tecum served on date: March 24, 2006

- a) The records requested are:

- 1) Hospital or clinic treatment records;
 - 2) Admission records and summaries;
 - 3) Reports by a Surgeon, Radiologist, Physician, or other medical staff member;
 - 4) Nurses notes and laboratory reports used in treatment of the above-mentioned patient;
 - 5) Discharge summaries and follow-up reports.

Treatment dates: 8/29/03

- c) The other records requested by the Subpoena are unavailable for the following reasons:

- 4) The records enclosed with this declaration were prepared by personnel of the above business in the ordinary course of business, at or near the time of the act, condition, or event described in the records.

- 5) The original records were prepared in the following manner: Admission and treatment records are prepared by medical staff members, nurses, and other clinical personnel at the time the patient enters the facility and throughout the patient's treatment. Observations, comments, and patient descriptions are noted and retained in the file. Nurses notes are kept at the station where the patient is treated.

Records of treatment, observations, and other activity are noted regularly on these records.

- 6) The original records were obtained from: Each patient treated at this hospital or health center has an individual file which contains copies of all documents prepared during the course of treatment. The requested documents were removed from the patient's file, photocopied, and the photocopies were forwarded to the court.

I declare under penalty of perjury that this declaration is true and correct.
Executed on date: March 28, 2006 at Martinez, California.

Signature of Custodian of Records

CONTRA COSTA HEALTH SERVICES
 CONTRA COSTA REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER
 CONTRA COSTA HEALTH CENTERS
DIAGNOSTIC IMAGING DEPARTMENT

REPORT

Ordering MD:

Order Date:

Order Time:

-SERVICE DATE:-08/29/03

-SERVICE TIME:-

Ordering Physician: John I. Ellis, M.D.

RIGHT ELBOW: FOUR VIEWS

HISTORY: Elbow injury.

FINDINGS: Minimally displaced comminuted fracture of humeral lateral epicondyle, with multiple small fragments. Elbow effusion. No dislocation. Normal bony mineralization.

CONCLUSION:

Comminuted humeral lateral epicondyle fracture.

-Michael A. Price, MD

PRIM : JLG
 Dictated : 08/30/03 1124
 Transcribed : 09/01/03 0047

MR# : M007955081
 Name: POLK, SUSAN
 Ph #: (510)262-4200
 DOB: 11/25/57 Sex F
 Loc: 3-B
 Acct# : M074693904
 PCP:
 PCS: MART

RADIOLOGY

Contra Costa Regional Medical Center (PCI: OE Database CCS)

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CONTRA COSTA HEALTH SERVICES
 CCRMC, Martinez Health Centers
 2500 Alhambra Avenue, Martinez, CA 94553

MR#: 00-79-55-08-1
 NAME: POLK, SUSAN
 DOB: 11/25/1957

Ex A 3

EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT REPORT

DATE: 8/29/2003

CHIEF COMPLAINT: Elbow pain.

HISTORY OF PRESENT ILLNESS: The patient is a 45-year-old female who presents ambulatory in custody of the Sheriff's, for evaluation of right elbow pain and swelling. The patient states that she was struck on the outer aspect of her elbow prior to the onset of symptoms. She has no other musculoskeletal complaints. No focal weakness. No sensory changes. The patient received Tylenol prior to arrival in the emergency department, with some improvement in her symptoms.

PAST MEDICAL HISTORY AND MEDICAL PROBLEMS: None.

MEDICATIONS: None.

ALLERGIES: None.

HOSPITALIZATIONS/ SURGERIES: None recent.

SOCIAL HISTORY: As above.

REVIEW OF SYSTEMS: Pertinence above, otherwise noncontributory.

EXAM: VITAL SIGNS: Normal as documented by nursing notes, reviewed by myself. **GENERAL:** Awake, alert, conversant, no obvious distress, non-ill appearing. **EXTREMITIES:** Examination of the right elbow reveals evidence of noticeable effusion over the posterior aspect of the elbow apparently involving the bursa. Range of motion of the elbow itself was intact with pain with extension and flexion. There is tenderness to palpation over the lateral aspect of the distal humerus and along the elbow joint itself. Pronation and supination were intact. Distal motor, sensory and vascular of the extremity was intact.

DIAGNOSTIC STUDIES: X-ray of the right elbow were obtained, reviewed, showed evidence of comminuted fracture of the lateral epicondyle of the humerus. Several small fragments were noted. No other abnormalities were appreciated.

IMPRESSION: Distal humeral fracture, as above.

PLAN: Long-arm splint, followup in Ortho Clinic. Vicodin, ibuprofen as comfort measure. Information sheets provided. The patient was discharged ambulatory, in stable and good condition.


 Jon K. Beauchamp, MD

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EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT REPORT

Susan Park
West County Detention Facility
Bldg. 4, #32
5535 Grant Hwy.
Richmond, Ca. 94806

(Copy 2 of 4)
to
submitted 2 copies
for Judge Coleman
9/15/03

August 30, 2003

On August 29, 2003, at around 9:00 a.m., I was escorted into Judge Crummins courtroom in Madison. While I was there, the Judge did not enter the courtroom. I was told to wait in an enclosed area just inside the court separated by glass from the rest of the room. A public defender on the other side of the glass partition asked to speak to me which we did. After discussion, I sat down to wait. A few minutes later, another public defender, Ms. Mondt, asked to speak to me and motioned for me to come to the partition where there is a window designed to permit attorney/client conference. I spoke with her for several minutes. The deputy told me to be quiet. I was moving away to sit down when Ms. Mondt gestured for me to approach again. She talked for awhile, then I answered quietly, and the deputy said loudly and in an agitated manner that he had told me to be quiet. He said it was done on my left shoulder. I said "Don't hit me." I turned to Ms. Mondt and said "We don't hit." The deputy then

told me I'd have to leave for a time out. I went with him. He said maybe I'd like to spend all day waiting in a cell. He then pushed me into the anteroom outside the courtroom; he yelled, "You pushed me, you pushed me. How dare you think you can resist me." I had done nothing to resist. The deputy then grabbed my arm, pulled it back, and hit my elbow with a metal truncheon. The pain was agonizing. I burst into tears, and said "Wow, you broke my arm," which he ignored. I felt I was going to collapse, the pain was so great. He never let go of my arm, but twisted it behind my back and pushed it up so far that it was excruciating. I was calling for help that he had broken my arm. A female deputy came up, and the male deputy said I was resisting. He ignored my cries that my arm was broken and grabbed my other arm and twisted it behind my back. I was placed in a holding room, where

I cried and told deputies that the deputy had broken my arm. The pain was unbearable.

A nurse came after awhile, but I was too distraught to talk to her. At that time a representative from Mental Health came over. As I was too upset and I couldn't stop crying from the pain and the shock that a deputy would do that to me, I refused to talk to him. He ordered that I be placed in a padded cell on shackles though I was not being aggressive. I was sitting on the floor crying and afraid I was going to be attacked.

After an hour or so, a nurse reappeared. She refused to order x-rays, saying I had no concussion. I requested to speak to a supervisor. I told him what had happened and that I wanted to make a "formal" complaint. He said if I was being looked after and did not take a written statement from me, I said I needed to see a doctor and asked where I was being detained in a padded cell. At that

time, I was told it was because the mental health professional had said I was a danger to myself. I was surprised by this answer as I hadn't talked to him.

Later, a female psychologist asked if I would talk to her and I agreed. She took a history. I asked why I was being detained in a padded cell, and she said because the other psychologist said that I may be a danger to others.

At my request, I was placed in a regular cell.

After an hour or two, a doctor appeared. He examined my arm and said I had to get X-rays. It looked broken.

A sergeant appeared later. I believe his name is Sgt. French. He and I had a meeting in M- module 110.

We went over to M. module with Sgt. Jackson.

Sgt. Jackson took about 6

photos of my arm. We then went into a

waiting room where a private investigator from the Public Defender's Office took

photographs. I had informed Sgt. French

that I had been in self-imprisonment for

about four days before going to Sgt.

French. I repeated that I want to make

a formal complaint and gave a written statement. Sgt. Nunam said Sgt. Carkow was handling the investigation. I turned to Sgt. Carkow and asked if I could give him my statement. He said he wasn't taking any statements from me. I asked if he didn't want to hear what happened? He said he'd already heard from the deputies involved.

About 5:00 or 6:00 PM, I was taken to County Hospital. X-rays showed my right arm was broken in the elbow area. My tendon was damaged as indicated by substantial swelling. After several hours, I was returned to Nunam.

The court papers including evidence was in a sealed bag. I dropped it when I was checked. I requested that County Hospital return it to me in Placerville when I returned from the hospital as it contained confidential information. It was not returned until

12:00 am by Deputy Jackson when I arrived back at the West County Facility. The papers had been rearranged in my file.

I was then transferred to Bedg. 4, the disciplinary unit.

I asseneute under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is a true and correct statement to the best of my knowledge.

FBI Annex Room, 6/30/03

CONTRA COSTA COUNTY **DETENTION FACILITY**

INMATE REQUEST FOR INFORMATION MEDICAL REQUEST

() MEDICAL REQUEST

To: Law Library

From: Susan Ruth Bkg# 007018277

Date: 11/3 107 (DOB) Housing Assignment: exDF 4-74

Check One: Request Grievance Appeal Other

Request: ① ~~No.~~ of Decisions w/o/s Ann. Cal. Cir. Rule

~~§ 148(1) : Damages Stipulation, Effect of Rescission G, Effect of Rescission, in Art. 5-8, Effect of Rescission Position of Parties ? E Title to Property 8.~~

③ Limitations Period CCP 337 et seqq.

(3) Annuated, Env. Code 16910, 33949, 1634, 1660

(4) Commercial (see § 2601 et seq. annotated)

~~11. 10 HER~~ 11. 10 - Evid. Rule

Date Rec'd: 11/3/07 Rec'd By: JMW/NL

Date Rec'd: 11/3/07 Rec'd By: JUNY

Routed To:

ANSWER: APPROVED DENIED-(state reason)

SEARCHED **INDEXED** **SERIALIZED** **FILED** **() DENIED-(state reason)**

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By: *[Signature]* Date: *11/15/07*

Pink: Kept by Inmate **Yellow:** Reply to Inmate **White:** To Booking

DET 024: FRM 1/2/91

below. Reply to inmate

Date:

White to Dubarry

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

INMATE/PAROLEE
APPEAL FORM
CDC 802 (12/07)

RECEIVED

Location: Institution/Parole Region

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INMATE APPEAL'S OFFICE

VALLEY STATE PRISON FOR WOMEN

You may appeal any policy, action or decision which has a significant adverse effect upon you. With the exception of Serious CDC 115s, classification committee actions, and classification and staff representative decisions, you must first informally seek relief through discussion with the appropriate staff member, who will sign your form and state what action was taken. If you are not then satisfied, you may send your appeal with all the supporting documents and not more than one additional page of comments to the Appeals Coordinator within 15 days of the action taken. No reprisals will be taken for using the appeals procedure responsibly.

NAME	NUMBER	ASSIGNMENT	UNIT/ROOM NUMBER
SUSAN POLK	X23159		A-4

A. Describe Problem: I have civil cases with pending due dates for filing responses. One is 5/15/07 due. I have an appeal with pending due dates. Since my arrival at VSPW on 2/27/07 I have repeatedly requested my legal material in storage, in order to take out some documents I need and my law book, as is my right under Title 15. I have requested PC (protective custody) since my arrival as I have EIFs in the facility (enemies in the facility). I was told I could not have legal material in Ad Seg & that VSPW doesn't have PC on 5/4/07. After I was assaulted by an inmate in C-4-73L, I was placed in Ad Seg & denied the paper work I had with me, which I received in the mail, & told I can't have legal papers in Ad Seg. This is a violation of Title 15, Rules on Appeal & Legal Papers of Court. The refusal to provide legal paperwork is retaliatory.

B. Action Requested: Immediate provision of my legal paperwork, and access to law library and copy service.

NOTE THIS IS AN EMERGENCY 2D LEVEL APPEAL.

Inmate/Parolee Signature: Susan Polk

Date Submitted: 5/16/07

C. INFORMAL LEVEL (Date Received: _____)

Staff Response: _____

Staff Signature: _____ Date Returned to Inmate: _____

D. FORMAL LEVEL

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NAME	NUMBER	ASSIGNMENT	UNIT/ROOM NUMBER
Susan Polk	X23159	CCWF	Ad Seg.

A. Describe Problem: I was transferred today (6/22/07) to CCWF from VSPW. I was in Ad Seg at VSPW due to enemy concerns. I needed protective custody. I have civil cases with pending due dates, an appeal of my criminal conviction, and an appeal at VSPW on a 602. At RPR, CO Renteria refused to allow me to take the documents I need to work on, except for a very few. I have one box of active files. Sgt. Gibson refused to permit me to have any paperwork at all in my cell. Both objected to my referring to Title 15 § 3164 which provides inmates with a right to legal paperwork in Ad Seg. Gibson said I couldn't have my paperwork until I go to GP at CCWF. I made CO Renteria & Gibson both threatened if you need more space, attach one additional sheet. to make things difficult for me.

B. Action Requested: The immediate provision of my paperwork, I have court dates I need to prepare for, plus an ICC hearing which I need to present evidence at. I also was not provided with the issue in Ad Seg., including envelopes, stamps, & a writing tablet. I need legal supplies per § 3163 of Title 15 when in Ad Seg.
Inmate/Parolee Signature: Susan Polk

Date Submitted: 6/22/07

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Staff Signature: _____ Date Returned to Inmate: _____

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NAME	NUMBER	ASSIGNMENT	UNIT/ROOM NUMBER
Susan Polk	X2-3159		504 134

A. Describe Problem: I was served by the litigation unit w/ legal papers in ad on going Civil case Friday thru day Aug. 9 & Aug. 13. I was not issued any paper & envelopes on 8/10/07. While other persons in this unit were w/ 600 users indigent. I am indigent, & signed up for the paper. Also, I signed up for the Law Library on Monday, Aug. 13, and Sgt. Roberts said I could not go because other people were going. I explained that I have pending due dates this week (8/17) & (8/18) for filing responses, and I need paper, envelope & access to the law library. Sgt. Roberts' response was that other people have if you need more space, attach one additional sheet. Pending due dates too and I can't wait til next month for paper.

B. Action Requested: Title 15 § 3164 provides that inmates placed in Ad Seg will have access to the law library & legal supplies. I am in Ad Seg for non disciplinary reasons. Sgt. Roberts' action is forcing me to forfeit cases which entail an irreparable loss to me. I request immediate provision of paper, envelopes & law library access when in Ad Seg.

Inmate/Parolee Signature: Susan PolkDate Submitted: 8/17/07

C. INFORMAL LEVEL (Date Received: _____)

Staff Response: By-pass

Staff Signature: _____ Date Returned to Inmate: _____

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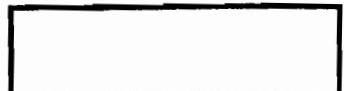
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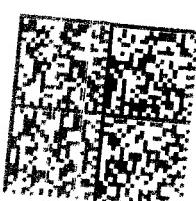
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